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October 28, 1962

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 200

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director, Office of Emergency Planning

SUBJECT: Acceleration of Civil Defense Activities

The President has approved the plan for the acceleration of the current civil defense program contained in the memorandum dated October 25, 1962 from the Department of Defense.

The President also gave his qualified approval to plan #2 contained in the memorandum dated October 24, 1962 from the Department of Defense. The plan outlines steps to be taken to prepare for possible nuclear attack in regions which are within MRBM range of Cuba; it will be carried out in conjunction with the plan for the acceleration of the current civil defense program contained in the memorandum dated October 25, 1962 from the Department of Defense. The President's qualifications are (1) that the plan be limited to steps which can be conducted without undue public impact and (2) that any such regional acceleration be limited to the period of the present emergency.

The President also has directed that preparatory steps, including, as necessary, discreet consultation with state and local authorities, be taken to effect plan #1 contained in the memorandum dated October 24, 1962 from the Department of Defense; the plan outlines action to be taken in the vicinity of targets relatively close to Cuba to prepare for attack with conventional weapons. The President wishes to be informed when the preparatory steps have been taken.

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